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NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to announce that we have just established ourselves as Importers & Exporters, Coal Contractors, Shipping Agents and General Providers. We provide launches, lighters and junks for carrying cargoes from Hong Kong to Kowloon, Canton and Wuchow; superintend the loading and unloading of same and guarantee the safe delivery of all goods entrusted to us into our own godown from which place they will be further transferred to any required destination, holding ourselves responsible for any damages that may occur. For terms and particulars please apply to our local branch in the Bank of Canton Building.

WANG LEE CO.
Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1926.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

| Island. | Feet. |
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| Victoria Peak | 1828 |
| Signal Station | 1774 |
| Mt. Parker | 1784 |
| Mountain Lodge | 1725 |
| The Eyrie | 1725 |
| Peak Hotel | 1805 |
| Taikoo Sanatorium | 1000 |
| Mt. Davis | 877 |
| Bowen Rd. (Hillside) | 297 |
| Mainland. | |
| Taimoshan | 3124 |
| Kowloon Peak | 1971 |

NOTICES.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Volunteer Headquarters
Tuesday, 25th January, at 8 p.m.

MEMBERS intending to be present are requested to submit their names not later than THURSDAY, 20th instant. Sections, men and Members of the Society, may attend the Dinner on the same terms as Members but should first communicate with the undersigned.

P. TOD,
Joint Hon. Secretary,
c/o Jardine, Matheson
Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 19th January, 1927.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ENTRY forms may now be obtained at the Pavilion. Entries CLOSE on the 25th January.

Hong Kong, 17th January, 1927.

HOLYOAK, MASSEY & CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the name of this Company has been changed to REISS, MASSEY & CO., LTD.

B. L. LEWIS,
Director.
Hong Kong, 12th January, 1927.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of one Dodge Car, one old Regal Engine and Chassis, and one old Fire Brigade Engine, particulars of which may be obtained from the Commanding Officer, H. M. S. "Tamar". Tenders will be opened at noon on Wednesday 26th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY has been transferred from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to the LAND OFFICE, Supreme Court, Hong Kong.

PHILIP JACKS,
Registrar of Marriages,
The Marriage Registry
Supreme Court,
Hong Kong.
13th January, 1927.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE DATE for the closing of entries has been POSTPONED until WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th Jan., 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races close on WEDNESDAY, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hong Kong Club or Linstead & Davis.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1927.

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NOTICES.

INAUGURAL RACE MEETING FOR CHINA PONIES.

of the INTERNATIONAL RACE & RECREATION CLUB at Macao

on 5th & 6th February, 1927.

Events: First Day.

1.—The Opening Cup (Once Round) — Winner \$400*

2.—The Arlo Prota Stakes (Five Furlongs) — Winner \$250*

3.—The Governor's Cup (One Mile) — Winner \$350*

4.—The Macao Shik Stakes (3/4 Mile) — Winner \$300*

5.—The Praia Grande Stakes (Three Furlongs) — Winner \$250*

6.—The U-Un Stakes (Half Mile) — Winner \$300*

Events: Second Day.

1.—The Canton Stakes (Three Furlongs) — Winner \$250*

2.—The Nongth Stakes (Half Mile) — Winner \$250*

3.—The Hong Kong Plate (3/4 mile) — Winner \$300*

4.—The Jockey Cup (Five Furlongs) — Winner \$250*

5.—The Ladies' Purse (Half Mile) — Winner \$200*

6.—The Inaugural Sweep Stakes (One Mile) — Winner \$700 (!)

7.—The Visitors' Cup (Five Furlongs) — Winner \$250*

8.—Macao Race (Half Mile) — Winner \$100.

Entries Close at 8.00 p.m. on the 25th January, 1927.

* Entrance Fee.....\$5

+ Entrance Fee.....\$3

2 Entrance Fee.....\$10

(1) Entrance Fee.....\$20

(Sd.) L. L. LIM I.O.C., Chairman.

17th January, 1927.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 14th January to THURSDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 26th January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th January, 1927 to FRIDAY, the 26th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, January 11th 1927.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st January, 1927, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION No. 1

THERAPION No. 2

THERAPION No. 3

These Remedies are the only ones of their kind in the world. They are the only ones that have been tested by the most famous medical authorities and found to be the most effective and reliable. They are the only ones that have been tested by the most famous medical authorities and found to be the most effective and reliable. They are the only ones that have been tested by the most famous medical authorities and found to be the most effective and reliable.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES.—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
MONTEVIDEO MARU.....Tuesday, 1st March.
BOMBAY.—Via Singapore and Colombo.
KORRYU MARU.....(Calls at Penang) Wednesday, 19th January.
MANSHU MARU.....Sunday, 23rd January.
CELEBES MARU.....Sunday, 30th January.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA.—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU.....Saturday, 22nd January.
CALCUTTA.—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU.....Tuesday, 25th January.
BANGKOK.—Via Saigon.
SEKKOW MARU.....Sunday, 30th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
LONDON MARU.....(From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIPHONG.—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOL.
MENADO MARU.....Saturday, 22nd January.
NEW YORK.—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAWRE MARU.....(From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
JAPAN PORTS.
AMAZON MARU.....Wednesday, 19th January.
SANUKI MARU.....Tuesday, 25th January.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
TAIKWA MARU.....Wednesday 19 January.
KAIJO MARU.....Sunday, 23rd January, 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU.....Sunday, 30th Jan., 10 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU.....Thursday, 27th Jan., 8 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.
BATAVIA MARU.....Saturday, 20th January.
DAIREN Via CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.
RYUKO MARU.....Middle of January.
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WORLD'S SHIPS.

NAVAL AND MERCHANT TYPES.
FAR-REACHING CHANGES.

In the preface to the issue for 1927 of "Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual," just published, it is remarked that far-reaching changes in the application of physical science to sea transport as well as sea defence are taking place. Attention is specially directed to the developments in engineering, and it is pointed out that the naval authorities are incorporating their deductions from the experiences of the Great War in the designs of cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. "Everything concerned with sea affairs is undergoing a change which is finding expression in a variety of ways, and is, in particular, affecting the equipment of all types of ships." This movement is revealed in the illustrations, diagrams, and profiles which are contained in this volume, and in particular in the picture of the new British battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney." A revolution is occurring at sea. The steamer, having vanquished the sailor, has recently been challenged by the motor-ship, and now Sir John Biles suggested that owing to the research of the Hon. Sir Charles Parsons the motor-ship may find a serious rival in vessels fitted with high-pressure steam turbines of the type which is being tried experimentally in the Clyde pleasure steamer "King George V."

The Admiralty is still maintaining almost complete silence as to the offensive and defensive powers of the two new battleships which will be commissioned this year, but the editors of "Brassey's Annual" declare that "these vessels represent a revolutionary development of the capital ship as did the original 'Dreadnought' when she took the water twenty years ago." Commander A. Colquhoun Bell also foresees a reconsideration of the cruiser problem in view of the varied uses to which such swift ships were put during the Great War. He considers the existing types as ill-suited to the probable demands of any future war. Sir George Thurston, the well-known naval architect, is, on his part, dissatisfied with the torpedo-boat destroyers which are now passing into the fleets of the world, remarkable in fighting power and speed as these vessels are. He describes, with the aid of diagrams, what he calls the super-destroyer, and contends that such a type, while not exceeding to any appreciable extent the cost of the present flotilla leader, would carry out all the work now done by destroyer flotillas, and, owing to a more powerful torpedo armament, would be a greater menace to the capital ship; its better sea-keeping qualities and, even possibly, mine-laying and plane-carrying capabilities, would also render it more efficient for scouting and other purposes than the destroyers which are now being built.

Future of the Capital Ship.

Very complete accounts of the progress of the fleets of the British Empire and of foreign countries are given in two succeeding chapters by Commander Charles N. Robinson and Commander H. L. Hitchens. The former officer suggests that with the approaching completion of the battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney," the battle fleets of the principal navies of the world will reach a state of equilibrium in accordance with the ratios set forth in the Washington Naval Treaty. "When these two battleships pass into commission, no capital ships," it is remarked, "will be under construction for any Power, but naval opinion holds that these will not be any means the last vessels of the type to be built, but represent rather a new phase in naval construction, which will be entered upon as soon as the replacement programmes are taken in hand under the terms of the Treaty." The contention is that so long as no limits are placed upon modern weapons of war the big ship will be essential in order that adequate defensive measures against mines, submarines, and aircraft bombs may be associated with superior offensive qualities. The battleship, it is evident, is not dead but dormant, and as soon as the naval holiday is at an end new vessels of this large and costly type will be constructed. In this connection the explanation by Commander Ichio Saty, of the

Imperial Japanese Navy, of the naval policy of his country will be read with close interest, for the naval authorities of Japan, though they are pressing on with a programme of cruisers, destroyers, and submarines, are in no doubt as to the assured future of the capital ship.

State and Merchant Shipping.

The outstanding feature of the section of "Brassey's Annual" which is devoted to merchant shipping is a contribution from Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., the President of the Chamber of Shipping, which gains in importance in view of the forthcoming international conference on trade barriers. Though he is specially concerned with the fortunes and misfortunes of shipping, as a former President of the Board of Trade he does not ignore other issues which are certain to be discussed at Geneva. He deals trenchantly with the contention, which various Socialists have sponsored, that if shipping were nationalised losses would be converted into profits, and in disproof of this thesis points to the unhappy and ruinously costly experiments of this kind which have been made by the United States and other countries. There are special considerations, he urges, applying to the British people which reinforce the general arguments, for without the invisible exports, for freight, provide, the country's trading account could not be balanced from year to year.

Sir Westcott Abell gives, in a long chapter, his usual incisive and informative review of the progress of merchant shipping throughout the world, supplying particularly interesting details of the forward policy which is being pursued in Italy with the financial encouragement of Signor Mussolini, who has declared that "Italy's future lies on the sea." Mr. Cuthbert Maughan tells the melancholy story of the depression of freights; Mr. John P. Taylor discusses the passenger ship as cargo carrier; while Mr. W. H. Clapham describes the "notable merchant ships of the year." As in former issues, a large part of Brassey's Annual is devoted to statistics on naval and merchant shipping affairs in a convenient form for ready reference, and there are hundreds of profiles of vessels of all types. It is claimed that this annual, which was founded by the first Lord Brassey thirty-eight years ago, and has in the past few years been greatly enlarged in scope as well as in size, is "the only publication of its kind either in the British Empire or any foreign country." This challenging declaration, in view of the contents of the new issue would be difficult to dispute.

COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING.

A Melbourne message states that Dr. Page, the Commonwealth Treasurer, announced that the Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts had been instructed to inquire into the activities of the Commonwealth Shipping Board, including the question of trade with the West Coast of England. Mr. Larkin, who lately resigned from the chairmanship of the Australian Shipping Board, but who has now withdrawn his resignation, differed from his colleagues on this point. Dr. Page added that he had informed the board that the Government was of the opinion that it should carry on until Parliament had considered the report of the committee.

Mr. Gerald Stoney, formerly of Manchester College, who has returned to the Parsons Works, where he became famous in connection with the development of the turbine, was honoured by being appointed a member of the Armstrong College Council by the unanimous desire of the members.

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SHIP ASKS FOR A DOCTOR.

Some excitement was caused on the sea-front at Eastbourne at dusk by the appearance of a ship which approached within a mile of the pierhead and blew two long blasts on its siren—the signal for a doctor.

Between Dungeness and Eastbourne one of the crew, Marteen Kroos, had badly damaged his right hand in some machinery. The man, after being attended to by Dr. Deane, the police surgeon, who went out to the ship, was brought ashore in a motor-boat and taken to hospital.

The vessel was the "Theseus," of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, bound for Barcelona from Amsterdam.

"PORT" FOR "LARBOARD."

A correspondent of the "Sunday Times" gives the date of the first official use of the term "port" for "larboard" in the Navy. He gives the following extract from "The Naval and Military Sketch Book of 1845," page 31:

It having been represented to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the word "port" is frequently, though not universally, submitted on board her Majesty's ships for the word "larboard," and as the want of a uniform practice in this respect may lead to important and serious mistakes and the distinction between "starboard" and "port" is so much more marked than that between "starboard" and "larboard," it is their lordships' direction that the word "larboard" shall no longer be used to signify left on board any of her Majesty's ships or vessels.

By command of their lordships,
Sidney Herbert.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that the damage caused to submarine H32 and H37 by their collision during exercises in the Channel is negligible.

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| EMPEROR OF CANADA | Mar. 9 | Mar. 12 | Mar. 15 | Mar. 18 | Mar. 27 | Mar. 27 |
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | Mar. 30 | Apr. 2 | Apr. 5 | Apr. 8 | Apr. 17 | Apr. 17 |
| EMPEROR OF ASIA | Apr. 20 | Apr. 23 | Apr. 26 | Apr. 29 | May 8 | May 8 |
| EMPEROR OF CANADA | May 11 | May 14 | May 17 | May 20 | May 28 | May 28 |
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | June 1 | June 4 | June 7 | June 10 | June 19 | June 19 |
| EMPEROR OF ASIA | June 22 | June 25 | June 28 | July 1 | July 10 | July 10 |
| | July 11 | July 14 | July 17 | July 22 | July 31 | July 31 |

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| SHIRALA | 7,841 | 5th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
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| TAKLIWA | 10,000 | 18th Feb. | Kobe |
| MACEDONIA | 11,120 | 4th March | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe |
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LIGHTING OF A DANGEROUS COAST.

PLEA FOR "SOMETHING SPECIAL."

As regards the proposed new light on the east coast of Ceylon, in the vicinity of Kumari Point, which has been referred to recently, and which is now, as a matter of fact, under the consideration of the Government of Ceylon, a master of long experience out in the East with whom the secretary of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild has been in communication on the subject, makes the following interesting comments in a letter recently received:—

"The enclosed newspaper cutting is very interesting, and only goes to show that however much the authorities concerned have procrastinated and shuffled about re a lighthouse in the vicinity of Kumuriya Ridge, the question can no longer be evaded, and I trust that now the authorities have really started to move, a first-class light will be established. Considering the long wait we have had, and the wear and tear on our nerves in the meanwhile, it will only be a fair and just compensation that Kumuriya should be 'something special' in the way of lights."

"This voyage I came down from Coconada direct to Galle, making the Ceylon coast, as per usual, in the 12 to 4 night watch. My course was set to strike well within the range of Little Basses Light and about twelve miles off the Komuriya Ridge. Good star sights were obtained about six o'clock in the evening, which showed, nothing in the way of abnormal currents up to that time. The night was very dark and cloudy with passing rain squalls, which effectually prevented any chance shot for a sight during the night. At midnight the deep-sea lead was kept going every half-hour, giving us 50 to 60 fathoms, no ground. Fortunately at dawn we managed to get a star sight. The position obtained showed that we had 30 miles of favourable current since the evening before at 6 p.m., and I had to come in due west to make the Great Basses Light, missing the Little Basses altogether. Of course these little stunts are all in a day's work, but had the current been the other way and I not using the lead, there might have been quite a different tale to tell."

The secretary of the Guild states that this is the member who first brought the matter to the attention of the Guild over a year ago, whereupon considerable correspondence transpired between that society and the Government Departments concerned, but unfortunately without any direct result. The majority of eastern-going navigators will know the spot well, and there seems to be little doubt that the consensus of opinion is that it is a very dangerous spot. It is satisfactory to learn from announcement made in "The Dolphin," the Guild's monthly magazine, that a well-known firm of lighthouse constructors has been asked to quote for a suitable light."

NEW FORTH BRIDGE.

The survey in connection with the proposed road bridge over the Firth of Forth at Queensferry is proceeding satisfactorily, says Sir Henry Maybury, of the Ministry of Transport, who has been in Edinburgh, and will be completed early in the hands of the authorities early in spring. It will be found that the bridging of the Forth at Queensferry will present no insurmountable difficulties from an engineering point of view. This bridge, he said, was the key to the problem of the East Coast traffic throughout Scotland.

The bridge at Berwick over the Tweed was nearing completion, and ought to be ready for opening in August of this year.

PASSENGER'S SUICIDE.

A passenger from Shanghai, believed to be a Chinese (name unknown) committed suicide by jumping into the sea while the s.s. "Yat-sing" was under weigh to Hong Kong. This occurred at 12.57 p.m. on Jan. 14, the day the boat left Shanghai.

The matter was reported, on arrival, to the British Consulate at Swatow.

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| Tsao via Swatow & Shanghai | WAISHING | Sun. 30th Jan. at 7 a.m. |
| Sandakan & Calcutta | MAISANG | Mon. 31st Jan. at 1 p.m. |
| Straits & Calcutta | FOOKSANG | Wed. 2nd Feb. at 3 p.m. |
| Tientsin | CHEONGSHING | Sun. 9th Feb. at 7 a.m. |
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DEPARTURES.

Passengers who embarked at Hong Kong on the "President Garfield" for Manila, Singapore and Europe via ports on Jan. 18 are mentioned on page 3 of this issue. Through passengers comprised:—Rev. Yoram Coston, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. and Miss Merne Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howard, Rev. W. S. Manuel, Mr. H. Murrin, Rev. W. H. Mussen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Baclagui, Mr. D. M. Cyphers, Mr. E. C. Greene, Mr. D. E. Parline, Mr. W. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hanitch, Miss A. Obermans, Mr. and Mrs. P. Simpson, Mr. C. A. Schmutz, Mrs. C. A. Evald, Mr. F. Klass, Mrs. J. W. Lanstron, Dr. H. B. Osborn, Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Birmingham, Miss A. Evans, Mrs. I. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Logson, Dr. P. Place, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. and Miss M. E. Huber, Miss H. C. Lasher.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong for Australia via ports by the N.Y.K. "Aki Maru" on Jan. 19 were:—Miss K. McMannis, Mr. and Mrs. De Boeten, Mr. B. Pena, Mr. H. Sacrus, Mr. E. F. Smith, Mr. E. Hasoomal, Mr. G. Wadhwal, Mr. Pedro Floris, Mr. P. Floris, Mrs. A. Floris, Miss M. Floris, Mr. Men Chinsky, many others, and a number of through passengers whose names appear in the "Arrived" list.

WIRELESS INVENTION.

Rugby, Jan. 18.
An Englishman, employed by the Marconi Company has invented a method of facsimile telegraphic transmission, which is regarded as a significant development in the evolution of wireless telegraphy, and which it is claimed will dispense with the keyboard operator, reduce the possibility of error, and save time and money.—British Wireless Service.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Washington, Jan. 18.
Provision for beginning the construction of three additional light cruisers, which was defeated by the House of Representatives on January 8, has now been inserted in the Naval Appropriations Bill by the Senate Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (from Manila) is due here at 5 p.m. to-day, and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Shanghai for this port yesterday, at 3.30 p.m., and is due here on Jan. 21, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 16, at 6 a.m., and is due here on Jan. 21, at about 10 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 16, at noon, with the outward English mails, and is due here on Jan. 21, at about 6 a.m.

The s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 18, 1926, and is due here on or about Jan. 21.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama on Jan. 15, and is due at Vancouver on Jan. 24.

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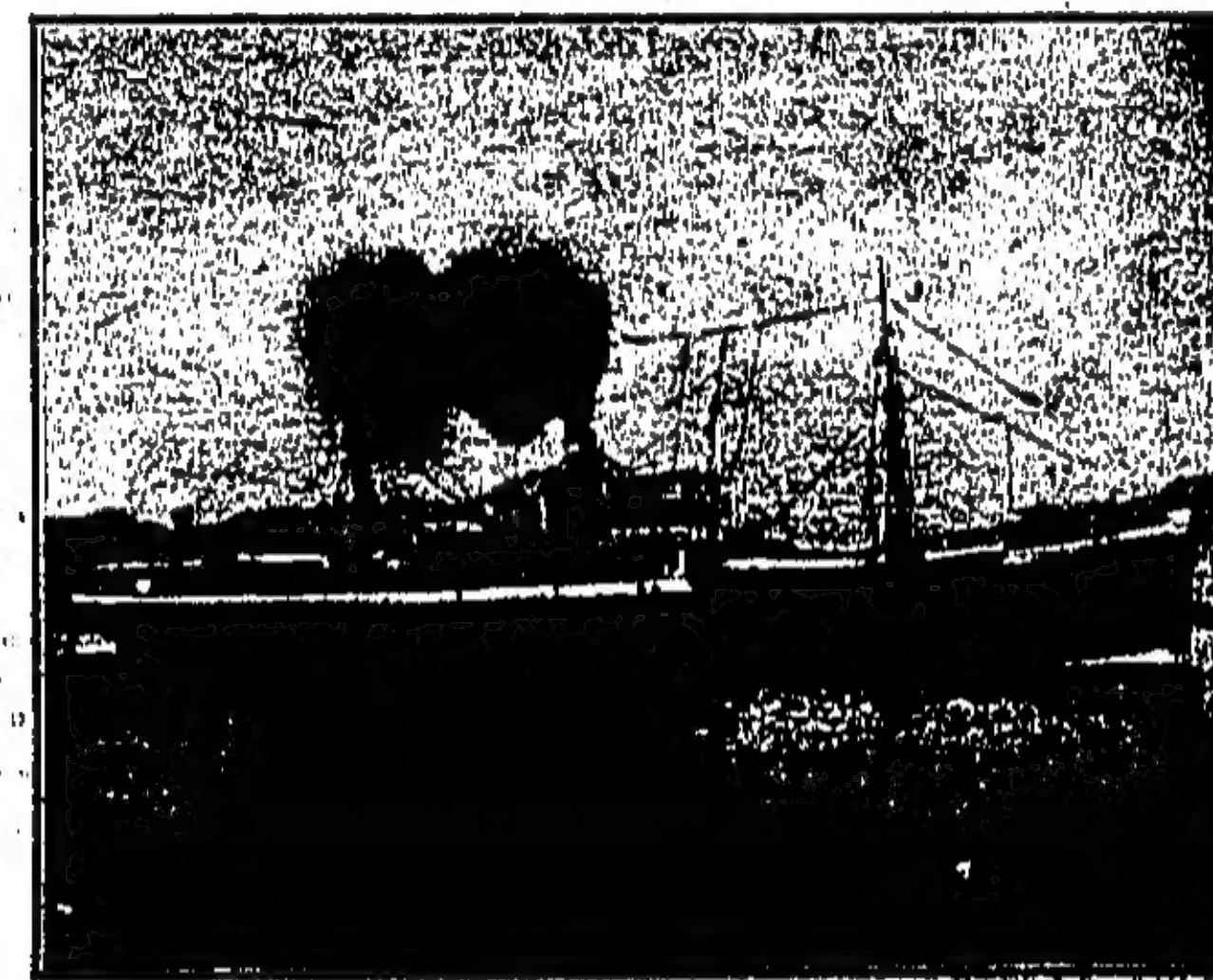
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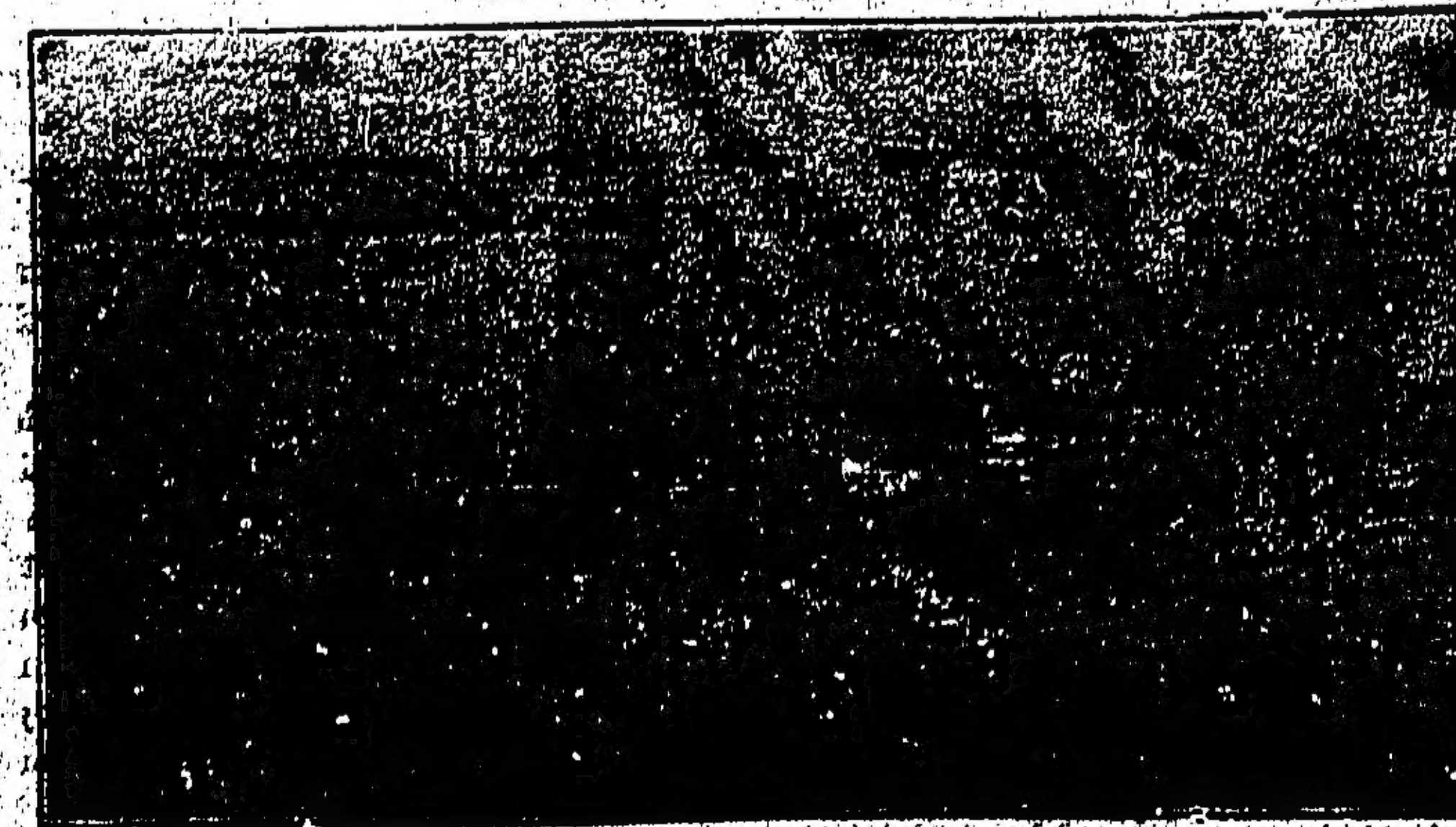
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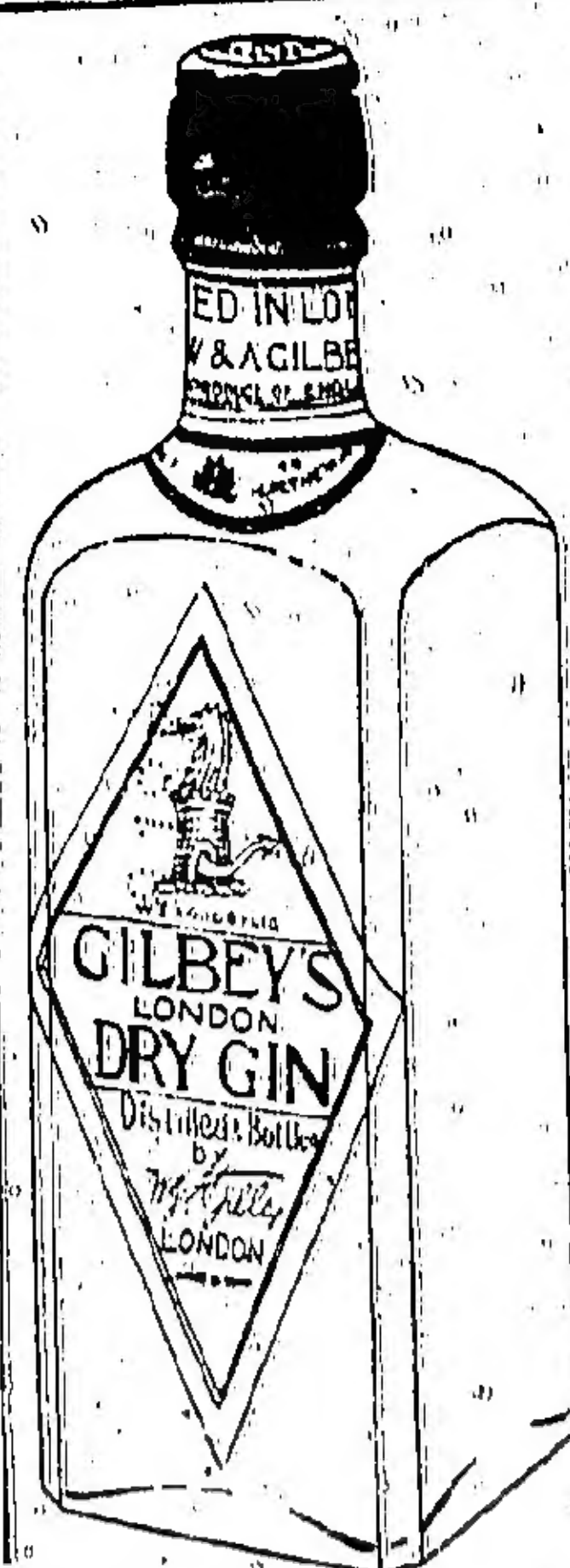
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"CANTONESE METHODS."

The "China Mail" has been
taken to task in a very mild way
by the "Canton Gazette." That
paper querulously finds fault
with our heading "Cantonese
Methods" above a recent cable-
gram, regarding the use of the
mob in Hankow as an instrument
of diplomacy. Our contemporary
very properly considers that "it
would be useless to remind the
'China Mail' that the Nationalist
Minister for Foreign Affairs effec-
tively ensured the protection of
British life and property in the
Concession." It adds, moreover,
that "the 'China Mail' is not
likely to be convinced except by
the course of events." With
that dictum we fully agree. What
does the "course of events" dis-
close? Merely that the howling
mob got completely out of con-
trol in Hankow, invaded the British
Concession, mutilated the
War Memorial, entered the build-
ings of the Municipal Council
and the Police Station, defied and
maltreated British Marines, and
generally created such a reign of
terror as to necessitate the
evacuation of British women and
children, the seeking of refuge in
the A.P.C. building by British
men, and the closing down of all
business.

What Mr. Eugene Chen said
and did subsequent to the mob's
excesses affects the issue not in
the slightest degree. The
"course of events" indisputably
shows that the Cantonese author-
ities did not "effectively ensure

the protection of British life and
property in the Concession." If
they had, not one of the mob
would ever have entered the Con-
cession; the outburst of the howl-
ing mobs would have been limited
to purely Chinese territory; nothing
would or could have
arisen to menace British inter-
ests, British lives, and British
property in the Concession. To
say now that Mr. Eugene Chen
and his colleagues "effectively
ensured" the necessary protection
of British subjects is a travesty
of facts.

To take the argument a step
further: If the mob "was not
used as an instrument of diplo-
macy," why did not Mr. Eugene
Chen become master of the situa-
tion by using all his available
forces against the mobs and the
agitators, by clearing them out
of the Concession neck and crop,
and by restoring the status quo
in the Concession to the fullest
possible extent? Oh, no! It
was more in accordance with
Cantonese methods to appoint a
Committee of Control of the
Concession—a Committee of Can-
tonese!—and then to talk large of
the Concession belonging to the
Cantonese "for keeps." What
possible right had they to make
arrangements for the control of
a British Concession? The whole
action was a gross breach of Bri-
tish Treaty rights. Cantonese
jurisdiction lay outwith the limits
of the Concession—not
within. The only manner in
which they could effectively pro-
tect British interests was by ade-
quately curbing and suppressing
the howling mobs and making it
absolutely impossible for them to
step one foot into the Concession.
They failed to do that. There-
fore, they must shoulder the
whole responsibility. Even Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald, the British
Labour leader, takes this view—
but we are still awaiting a re-
production of his speech in the
"Canton Gazette!"

Measures for Protection.

It is a bad commentary on the
inability of the Cantonese author-
ities to protect British interests
that it should be found necessary
for more British warships and
more British Marines to come out
to China. British lives and
British property must be protected.
If the Cantonese—or any other
of the warring factions, for that
matter—are unable or unwilling
to afford such protection in
future, they shall find that Bri-
tish patience has been over-

strained and that the British
Navy will take over the duty of
protecting British subjects. That
cannot be construed as an
ultimatum or as an act of war.
It does not represent the slight-
est deviation from the avowed
British policy of non-interference
with China's own domestic
affairs. Nor can it be taken to
imply any taking of sides with
any of the Chinese belligerents.
But—it does mean that the full-
est protection shall be afforded
hereafter in any part of China to
British subjects. The Chinese
authorities have failed us
already. They are liable to fail
us again. Therefore, as a very
simple act of insurance, the Bri-
tish Naval forces are being
strengthened. If their interven-
tion solely for the protection of
British lives and property ever
becomes necessary it will only be
because the responsible Chinese
authorities are totally unable to
cope with the situation.

Greater Rome.

The Chancellor of the Ex-
chequer's visit to the Italian
capital suggests some comment
upon the decision of the Italian
Government to remove the ad-
ministration of Rome from the
Commune, and to vest it in the
State. In Rome it has been found
that taxation under the Roman
Commune has been out of all pro-
portion to that of other cities in
Italy. The Italian Government
has recognised the need to re-
lieve the Roman citizen; but in
so doing, it has ensured that the
metropolis shall grow with great-
er freedom and pride. The State,
taking control of the city, will see
to it that narrow boundaries are
not permitted to choke the expan-
sion of the suburban districts.
It will forbid the packing of the
city's centre with new bricks and
mortar that would obscure the
city's monuments, and it will en-
force observance of a plan by
which a great Rome will grow
that shall be worthy of the nation
for which it lives. Rome is the
most illustrious of the cities of
the earth, and belongs to civilisa-
tion as well as to Italy. The
world owes gratitude to the Ital-
ian nation which has proved so
faithful a custodian of the
undying city. *Urban quam dicunt
Romam, Melibæ, putavi Stultus
ego, huc nostrae similes.*

AGE OF THE PACIFIC.

TREMENDOUS GEOLOGICAL CHANGES.

Manila, Jan. 7.
The Philippine archipelago has
existed as an island, geologically,
for fifty to one hundred million
years and there is no evidence
to show that the group ever was part
of the mainland of Asia, says Dr.
Bailey Willis, noted geologist
who has been here several weeks
making geological studies. Dr.
Willis is a professor at Stanford
University. He is an authority on
earthquakes.
Dr. Willis's studies in the Philip-
pines have been in connection with
those made in Japan and China.
Tremendous geological transforma-
tion is going on in countries border-
ing the Pacific, he says. Mountains
here and in other Pacific countries
are continually rising, due to
dynamic forces underneath the
earth. These forces are due mainly
to heat. With the rising mountains
comes a corresponding depression of
the lowlands. This does not mean,
he says, that the lowlands will be
covered by the sea, because sediment
from the mountains and the sea are
continually piling up on the low-
lands.
Dr. Willis does not believe that
the continents are drifting apart
as some claim.

SECRET SOCIETY ACTIVITY.

Two Chinese Arrested In Singapore.

Secret Societies have been active
in Singapore during the past few
weeks and the police have been
paying special attention to these
bodies.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, about 11
o'clock, a number of detectives en-
tered a coffee shop in Cross Street,
and arrested a Chinese in possession
of a dagger.

On the night of Jan. 10, about
7 o'clock a police constable arrested
another Chinese also armed with a
dagger.

Both the arrested men are alleged
to be connected with secret
societies.

JAPAN'S POLITICS.

Tokyo, Jan. 18.

An opposition member of the
Lower House cautiously inter-
polated the Premier, referring to
the "unsatisfactory condition" of
his administration, and asking why
he did not resign.

The Premier replied that his
resignation was not called for
under present conditions.

Further interpellations are ex-
pected during several days.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STUDENT INTERFERENCE WITH RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Whilst it has been known
for some time past that a certain
section of the National Student
Union has been endeavouring to
undermine the work of Christian
missionaries in China, the extent
to which this anti-Christian
movement has grown during the
past year is only beginning to be
realised.

A perusal of the translation of
some literature regarding resolu-
tions adopted by the Union shows
that the movement has reached a
stage when it cannot be regard-
ed as mere antagonism to the
Gospel of Christ. It is quite
evident that it has now assumed
the form of a gigantic political
campaign—a campaign against
foreigners—and as such it must
be regarded in an entirely differ-
ent light. It is no longer a mat-
ter in which missionaries, and
church-going folk are concerned.
It is a matter of paramount im-
portance to every foreigner in
China.

We are told that since the
"unequal treaties" were signed
granting religious freedom for
religious propaganda, Christiani-
ty has absorbed millions of Chin-
ese and missionary schools are
established everywhere with
thousands of students, but "late-
ly Chinese students as a body
have gradually come to recogni-
se the evils of Christianity and
to realise that Christianity is an
instrument of the ruling class
used to oppress the class to be
ruled."

Few sober-minded people will
take much notice of this outrage-
ous libel upon missionaries as a
body, but when one reads through
the translations and comes across
the definite programme which the
National Student Union has set
itself out to adopt, it will at
once be seen that these mischief-
making schoolboys intend laugh-
ing what is tantamount to a
political campaign—a campaign
intended not to undermine the
work of missionaries, but to
undermine the solemn interna-
tional obligations of China—a
campaign which it would be dif-
ficult to describe as being other
than pure, unadulterated Bol-
shevism.

Religious freedom in China is
guaranteed by the various
Treaties, and with it goes the
right to build churches and hos-
pitals, to rent or build houses and
to open burial grounds. The
fullest stipulation on the subject
is contained in Art. XIV of the
last Treaty between China and
the United States, a perusal of
which will show that the present
activities of the National Student
Council are a direct attack upon
China's Treaty obligations.

There can be little doubt that
the whole scheme has Moscow
behind it. It is but the first step
in Moscow's mischievous attempt
to convert China to Bolshevism
—a system which makes a
mockery of religion, destroys the
foundation of the home, the
privacy of married and family
life, and has done away with all
honesty and decency in every
relation of life.

Yours, etc.,

IONIDES.

Hong Kong, Jan. 18, 1927.

A CLEAN SLATE!

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Your suggestion that the
best possible course that the Bri-
tish Government can adopt in re-
gard to the remainder of the Bri-
tish share of the Boxer Indemnity
is to forthwith liquidate the
cash in hand and wipe out the
whole of the balance, should
commend itself to most people
who, sick and tired of the bicker-
ings and quarrellings of the past
few years would, one feels sure,
be only too willing to support
such a magnanimous gesture of
Britain's great good will towards
China and the Chinese people.

The suggestion is certainly one
which should commend itself to
everyone having even the small-
est commercial interest in China,
and one which might well be used
as an excellent vehicle for let-
ting the Imperial Government
know that we, whose lot it is to
be domiciled in immediate proxi-
mity to unhappy China, realise
that so long as the Government
lends its support to a scheme
which, as you so forcibly point
out, will only remind future
generations of Chinese of an unfor-
tunate episode in the history of
their nation, it is futile to look for
a complete cessation of anti-
British activities.

Cannot something be done in
the matter? Will not some one
come forward and take the lead?
What greater incentive to the
calling of a public meeting could
be desired than the recent
addresses of H.E. the Governor

COURT REPROOF.

A "CHINAMAN" AND A BURGLARY.

REBUKE FROM JUDGE.

Mr. E. H. Dunning, an American
citizen, was complainant at the
Special Provisional Court at
Shanghai before Judge John C. H.
Wu, when an unemployed Chinese,
was charged with attempting to
burglar his house.

Evidence was given by Mr.
Dunning to the effect that, at 10.20
p.m. on December 6 last, he was
awakened by a noise in his house.
He took his revolver and made in-
vestigation. After noticing that
the door had been broken open, he
saw a light and a Chinaman.
The Judge—Mr. Dunning, don't
say Chinaman in this Court. It is
vulgar. I can't call you an Ameri-
can, can I? It's bad grammar
and impolite.

Complainant—What will I say?

The Judge—Say Chinese.

Complainant—Well, I saw a Chin-
ese coming through another door
and then he suddenly disappeared.
I went on to the balcony and found
some broken bricks, so I phoned
to the Bubbling Well Police Station
and two detectives, a Chinese and
a Chinaman, I mean a Chinese, came
to my house. They found a small
chisel and arrested the accused,
who did not succeed in getting away
with anything.

Accused denied the charge and
said that he was in the French
prison when the alleged burglary
took place.

The Judge was informed that
accused was released that morning
from prison and the burglary took
place in the evening.

Accused—Oh, well, I admit the
charge but I could not help it! I
could not do anything else.

The Judge—Neither can I help
it. I have nothing else to do,
either. I will have to send you to
prison again for 10 months.

MOTOR CRASH.

Rubber Estate Manager Killed.

The "Malay Mail" of January 10
contains the following account of a
motor crash near Kuala Lumpur:

A terrible motor accident in
which Mr. A. P. Chalmers, manager
of Emerald Estate, Klang, who re-
turned from leave only a few days
ago, was killed and three other play-
ers were injured, two seriously,
took place last night on the Puchong
Road. The car in which the victims
were travelling skidded and over-
turned near Klang Estate.

The injured who, we understand,
have all been admitted to the Euro-
pean Hospital, were Messrs. D. F.
Roberts, of Damansara Estate,
Petaling, W. R. Napier, of Old Sea-
field Estate, Batu Tiga, and Buck-
ridge, of Damansara Estate. Mr.
Buckridge, who, we are informed,
has only recently come to Malaya,
received particularly serious in-
juries.

The funeral of Mr. Chalmers will
take place at the Venning Road
cemetery at 5 p.m. to-day.

The victims were brought into
Kuala Lumpur by Mr. D. S. Gardner,
manager of Castlefield (Selangor),
and Cliveden Estates.

SIX BISHOPS IN SINGAPORE.

The importance of Singapore as
a meeting point, writes a corres-
pondent of the "Strait Times" is
unrivalled probably by any other
port in the East. During last week
there were no less than six Bishops
here of three denominations. The
Church of England was represented
by the Bishops of London and
Singapore, the Church of Rome by
the Bishops of Malacca and Coruna,
and the Methodist Episcopal Church
by Bishops Oldham and Titus Lowe.
This number would have been fur-
ther increased by the Bishop of
Macao, who was coming to Singa-
pore for his pastoral visit
to the Portuguese Missions at
Singapore and Malacca, but for the
fact that he had to return to Macao
from Timor Dilly, for the Christ-
mas and New Year festivities.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE.

Tokyo, Jan. 18.

A sharp earthquake occurred this
morning, the heaviest being in the
northern districts, where clocks
stopped and some old walls col-
lapsed, but no material damage was
caused and there were no casualties.
The central observatory stated that
the shock was centred out at sea—
Reuter.

and the Vice-Chancellor of the
University on the question of our
claim to a substantial portion of
the Boxer Fund?

Let Hong Kong be heard; let
our merchant princes—both Eng-
lish and Chinese—the men who
have converted this barren rock
into the present-day citadel of
commerce that it is—let them
speak out.

You, Sir, have taken the lead.
Let Hong Kong follow!

Yours, etc.,
CIVIS BRITANNICUS SUI.
Hong Kong, Jan. 18, 1927.

"AT ALL COSTS."

(Continued from Page 1.)

FRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

Sympathy With Nationalist Aspirations.

Rugby, Jan. 18. It is understood that the decision at yesterday's Cabinet meeting marked no new departure in the British policy in China but authorised the British representatives to apply in detail to the present situation the broad principles which have actuated British policy since the Washington Conference of 1922.

These principles are: (1) conciliation towards the Chinese; and (2) protection of British lives and interests in China.

In recent months they have been frequently and publicly enunciated, notably in Sir Miles Lampson's statement in London to the China Association last October, and in the British Memorandum issued last month.

It has been made clear that the British Government sympathises with the legitimate aspirations of Chinese Nationalism and desires them to be considered in a spirit of mutual conciliation.

Any naval and military measures that may be taken do not therefore imply aggression, but are purely precautionary.—British Wireless Service.

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

Britain and Her Avowed Enemies.

Rugby, Jan. 18. The newspapers consider that the last doubt has been removed that the Government means to take its share in the defence of Shanghai should it become necessary.

The "Yorkshire Post," an authoritative Conservative newspaper, says:—

"In the instructions sent to the British representatives it will doubtless be made clear that we have no desire to interfere in Chinese affairs or to take sides for or against any elements competing for the control of the country or of its most important sources of revenue."

The Hand of Moscow. "But we are determined, if necessary, to defend our nationals in Shanghai and our legitimate interests in China from assaults which are openly inspired, and even directed by enemies of this country."

"Arrangements legally in force as between China and the rest of the world may need revision, and the British Government has shown that it is perfectly willing to discuss in the most friendly spirit modifications and improvements in the existing treaty relationships as soon as they are presented in proper form by the authorities who can reasonably claim to represent the Chinese people."

The Strong Arm. "They will not submit to alterations prompted by the avowed enemies of this country and backed by threats of violence. Some demonstration is due in the East sufficient to carry the conviction that, however great and consistent our moderation, however anxious we may be to set no stone in the path of genuine and reputable national ambitions, yet the open enemies of the British have still to reckon with the strong arm which hesitates to strike but is ready to defend British nationals and British rights, if need be by force of arms."—British Wireless Service.

INLAND DANGERS.

Courageous Missionaries.

Shanghai, Jan. 18. In spite of the evacuation order twelve missionary men, fifteen women and five children are staying at Chengtu.

The Consul and Vice-Consul are leaving on Jan. 21. Only six women remain at Chungking.

Chinese reports that Mr. Eugene Chen has demanded complete recognition of the Nationalist Government and the withdrawal of all British warships from inland waters is officially declared to be untrue.—Reuter.

FOOCHOW TROUBLE.

Church As Agitators' Meeting Place.

Telegrams received in Hong Kong this morning state that the "Hatching," which is due to arrive in the Colony to-morrow morning, is bringing a number of Catholic missionaries from Fochow.

According to one of the telegrams, the party comprises five Spanish and five American priests and twelve Spanish and six French sisters.

There is no definite news of Monsgr. Agguire, the Catholic

Bishop of Fochow, but there is reason to believe that his Lordship has proceeded to Amoy.

BROKEN PROMISE.

A letter received in the Colony yesterday under date Jan. 18 stated that Chinese officers who visited the Convent of the Holy Infant expressed much pleasure at the industry of the 300 girls being instructed there, assuring the sister-in-charge that she need have no fear of any trouble.

As already reported, the following day the Convent was raided, the girls being kidnapped.

According to the same letter, the Roman Catholic Church has been turned into a public meeting place, agitators making public anti-British speeches in the interior of the sacred edifice.

A telegram to hand this morning from Amoy states that there is reason to believe that the trouble in Fochow will spread to the former port.

HANKOW FOLLY.

Speaking English A Serious Crime.

Because he held conversation with a foreigner in the British Concession at Hankow, Mr. T. C. Tong, co-proprietor of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, at Hankow was arrested by pickets and was released only after very strenuous efforts exerted by himself and his friends.

Indication that the Chinese are hostile to the idea of "foreigners and their running dogs," is shown by the amazing charges preferred against him, one being that he actually used the English language instead of being patriotic and using Chinese!

According to reports from Hankow, Mr. Tong took his private riches down to the Bund about 5 p.m. last Thursday and happened to see Mr. W. Neill, local agent of the Chartered Bank inside the A.P.C. building where many foreigners were confined after the mob outbursts in the Concession.

"Foreigners' Running Dog." He stopped and went near the building to talk with Mr. Neill for a few minutes on general conditions in the British Concession under the Nationalist rule. Leaving the place, he found himself suddenly surrounded by a number of pickets who accused him of conspiring with the foreigners and placed him under arrest. As it was raining hard and getting dark, Mr. Tong offered the pickets two dollars to let him free. This was refused and he was taken as the "foreigners' running-dog" to the pickets headquarters at the Hankow Club.

A "trial" was immediately held by the picket authorities who found Mr. Tong guilty of the following: (1) Supplying secret information to the foreigners, to the effect that three big British warships and 600 British marines are coming to Hankow. (2) Secretly bringing food to the foreigners inside the A.P.C. Building. (3) Using the English language in his conversation with the foreigners. (4) Attempting to bribe the pickets with two dollars.

All these charges were declared by the picket leaders as counter-revolutionary measures.

Trials at Hankow Club. After the trial at the Hankow Club, Mr. Tong was taken to the British Police Station, now the Office of the Kuomintang representative in charge of the British Concession affairs. Although requests were made by the various officials in Hankow for his release, the picket and Kuomintang heads refused to let Mr. Tong free. It was not until an order was signed by Mr. Chen Yu-jen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and a personal guarantee was made by Mr. T. C. Woo, Secretary of the Ministry, that Mr. Tong was finally released. He was held prisoner for over four hours.

CHINA'S SARCASM.

Local comment on this affair was quite sarcastic last Thursday in Chinese circles, among whom Mr. T. C. Tong is an influential person well known to be very patriotic. "Is Great Britain at war with China?" they asked. "Was Mr. Tong supplying information to the enemy?" "Is it not possible for a Chinese now to speak to a foreigner in the British Concession?" As for supplying food secretly to the foreigners in the A.P.C. Building, many Chinese friends of those foreigners inside the building are now wondering whether it is the intention of the pickets to have them starved—otherwise why an offence to give them food.

And to the charge of using the English language, Mr. Tong could not have spoken to the person he did without using it as the foreigner with whom he conversed does not speak Chinese. Hankow Chinese who have spent many years learning the English language are asking whether the use of it is now to be prohibited.

No Navy News.

No wireless messages were received last night or this morning from the Yangtze by the naval authorities.

MR. BLAND ON THE CRISIS.

Almost Prophetic Letter to "Sunday Times."

In view of the recent events in Hankow and in the Yangtze Valley generally, the following letter contributed by Mr. J. O. P. Bland to the columns of the "Sunday Times" appears almost prophetic. The letter follows:—

Sir,—As one who has made some study of the history and disposition of the Chinese people, may I be permitted to express the opinion that our Government's proclaimed policy of patience in the face of an unprovoked and artificially organised anti-British agitation (a policy supported last week in one of your leading articles) is calculated to inflict great injury upon our commerce in the Far East and to diminish our prestige throughout Asia, without any compensating benefits to China?

Space does not permit of an exhaustive exposition of the fallacies now generally prevalent with regard to the situation in China. I propose to refer only to two, which form the basis of the argument set forth in the leading article to which I have alluded.

In the first place, it is there stated that "any intervention that may become necessary can only aggravate the anti-foreign agitation." I venture, on the contrary, to assert that any intervention which would tend to check the marauding activities of the rival armed forces (such as an effective policing of the chief railway lines and waterways) would have the hearty support of all the best elements in the country; also, that nothing is more certain to fan the flames of anti-foreign agitation than the growth in the minds of its leaders of the idea that they can tear up the treaties and repudiate the nation's obligations with impunity. The present attitude of the F.O. and of the State Department at Washington is quite enough to account for the present position of affairs at Canton and Hankow.

"The Sorry Truth."

Furthermore, you deprecate any interference on the ground that the agitation in China "is a clear example of developing national consciousness," and that any attempt to suppress it would be unwise and unprofitable. This conception of "nationalist sentiment manifesting itself as an un-governable evolutionary force" is a wholly fallacious idea, which has been cleverly spread by the Cantonese propagandists for some years past and found wide acceptance in this country and in the United States. The sorry truth of the matter is that, amongst all the rival army leaders and political factions, you will seek in vain for any sign of a collective, constructive patriotic purpose or genuine national sentiment. The forces of disorder are set and kept in motion by and for small groups of men, individuals all, whose conspicuous and dominating purposes are personal ambition and greed of gain. The Bishop of Exeter, in his letter to a newspaper last Thursday, rightly attributed the anti-foreign and revolutionary agitation of the student body to the mischievous and destructive influences implanted in their minds by the teachings of American missionaries and other educationists. He might have added that the driving force behind the feverish activities of the students is in reality the same as that which inspires the Tsuchans and the politicians—namely, the overpowering instinct of the Oriental, taught by centuries of bitter experience, to place himself and his family beyond the reach of want.

For this reason, amongst many others, it is safe to assert that no remedy for the present anarchy can come from within, save that of ruinous exhaustion. The only hope of better things in the immediate future lies in concerted measures by Great Britain (in which Japan would no doubt co-operate) to prevent the present chaos from ending in irreparable disaster.

And for these measures all the sane and law-abiding elements of the population would be supremely grateful.

J. P. O. Bland.

Thatched House Club.

STORM AT HOME.

Lord Incheape and Missions.

A storm has burst round the head of Lord Incheape for his attack on missionaries and their work in the East, particularly in China, says "Reynolds' Newspaper." And many things have been said for which there is no justification.

Nobody who knows anything of the facts will deny that missionaries, taken all together, are devoted, well-meaning, and sincere.

There are among them men and women of the noblest character, and they do no inconsiderable amount of good.

What has to be considered, however, is whether the evil does not outweigh the good. To be of benefit to a few hundred people and to arouse the enmity and suspicion of many thousands is a very doubtful blessing.

The religion of a Buddhist or a Mohammedan is just as sacred to him as Christianity is to a Christian. The moral code of the Eastern religions is no lower than that of the Western, and the practice of moral virtues is probably on the whole greater.

It is impossible to calculate the consequences of the resentment of Eastern peoples against missions. But it is absurd to deny it.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

Rebuke From Liberals.

Even in the Liberal Party Lloyd George appears to have found little support for his recent speech on the situation in this country. Viscount Grey of Falloden issued a timely rebuke at a dinner given by members of the Liberal Party at the Hotel Cecil on December 13. The Liberal Party, he said, found it impossible to keep in step with Mr. Lloyd George. He thought that the speech made by Mr. Lloyd George about China would be detrimental to British interests and make a settlement in China more difficult. British policy and British reputation were already being most unfairly represented in China, and that any leading man in public life in England should make a speech to add to the impression abroad was, he thought, most unfortunate. It was quite possible to take a line independent of the Government about China without being open to that criticism. Mr. MacDonald had found it possible to make a contribution to the discussion of the Chinese question which, while independent, was helpful and not harmful. And what the leader of the Labour Party could do in such a matter, the Liberal Party also could do.

STEAM LAUNCH HOME.

Consular Flag at Kiukiang.

Hankow, Jan. 12. Foreigners arriving here from Kiukiang state that the Cantonese have stationed sentries at the Concession, which yesterday was quite deserted. Every shop on the bund is flying the Nationalist flag, which is also much in evidence among craft in the harbour.

The dozen foreign men remaining are distributed between H.M.S. "Scarab" and H.M.S. "Wivern." They were able to reach safety only after much difficulty, owing to obstruction by the mob.

The British Consul managed to remove the archives before sealing the Consulate, which has so far not been molested. He is now living on board a small steam-launch from which the Consular flag still flies.

The French Commissioner of Customs is also still functioning on board a small launch. Some 13 foreigners, including women and children, are still at Kuling, where they elected to remain although advised to leave.

In addition to the British gunboats, the American mine-layer "Penguin" and a Japanese gunboat are lying at Kiukiang.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

British Government's Policy.

London, Jan. 18. The Cabinet had a two and a half hours' meeting yesterday on the subject of China.

While no official statement is obtainable, it is learned that the Government's policy is unchanged—namely, it is ready to negotiate with the Chinese in a liberal spirit, but cannot be expected to surrender to violence or threats of violence.

Lord Birkenhead, Mr. Amery, and other Ministers, who at present are abroad, are returning to London in the next few days. It is gathered that while there has been no general "recall," the Cabinet members are naturally anxious to be available for consultation.—Reuter.

Shanghai Residents' Rights.

Rugby, Jan. 18.

Regarding the situation in China, it is understood that while the British Government are prepared to negotiate with the Chinese on a reasonable extent, and on a liberal basis, they are not prepared to surrender to violence.

So far as Shanghai is concerned, the view generally taken here, and strongly held, is that the 60,000 foreign residents who have settled in Shanghai under the guarantee of the Treaties which have existed for so many years, are fully entitled to complete pro-

SIX MONTHS' JAIL.

CHLOROFORM PERFORMER SENTENCED.

The case in which a Chinese was charged with possession of certain pieces of women's jewellery and with attempting to chloroform the owner of the articles, was concluded in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, gave formal evidence as to the contents of the bottle used in the assault upon the complainant, and, upon learning that there were no previous convictions against the man, his Worship sent him to jail for six months with hard labour.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

January 19—Queen's Theatre: "The Big Parade."

January 19—World Theatre: "The Silk Bouquet."

January 19—Star Theatre: "The White Desert."

January 19—Farewell performances of Isako's Circus, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 9.45 p.m.

January 20—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 21—Hong Kong Automobile Association dinner dance, Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 22—Social and Dance at Diocesan Boys' School under the auspices of the D.S.O.B. Assn., 8.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 26—Chinese play by Beilica Public (Girls) School in Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

January 29—Theatre Royal: "Red Riding Hood," 9.15 p.m.

February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel. Sports.

January 19—Hong Kong Basketball League, Chinese Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium, 7.30 p.m.

January 26—Entries for the Annual Race Meeting close at 5 p.m.

January 29—Entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament close on this date.

February 6—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanning Hunt, Kwantli Race Course.

Auction. January 21—Household furniture is to be sold at Messrs. Lamert Bros.' Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

January 19—First meeting of Agricultural Show at Lady Ho Tong's farm.

January 20—Extraordinary general meeting of China. Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 2.30 p.m.

January 20—Annual meeting of the H.K. S.F.C.A. in Messrs. Jardine's boardroom, 5.15 p.m.

January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m.

January 31—Twenty-second meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co's office, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous. January 20—Kailap Chinese school prize-giving, Grand Theatre, Wanchai, 4 p.m.

January 20—H. K. Philharmonic Society's second rehearsal of H.M.S. Pininfare, at Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

January 22—Distribution of prizes at St. Paul's College, 9 p.m. preceded by a programme of entertainment at 7.30 p.m.

January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, Burns' Anniversary Dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

January 28—Annual Prize distribution at Queen's College, 11 a.m.

January 25—Annual inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

Managua, Jan. 18.—A hundred rebels were killed in a battle near Tapatitan.—Reuter's American Service.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The text of the Peruvian note to Mr. Kellogg is published, and confirms that Peru has rejected the American proposal to settle the Tacna-Arica dispute.—Reuter's American Service.

Protection of their lives and interests.—British Wireless Service.

Upon enquiry of the naval authorities this morning the "China Mail" was informed that the only information received regarding the hospital ship "Maine" was that the naval authorities at Malta had been asked how long it would take to get her fitted ready for service in China.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Colony had a clean "bill of health" on Tuesday when no case of notifiable disease was reported to the Medical Officer of Health.

The next committee meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce is to be held at 2.30 p.m. this Friday at the Chamber's premises in Connaught Road Central.

Four aeroplanes, "a gift" from Marshal Chang Tso-lin to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang arrived by train in Shanghai and have been taken to the Hungjiao aerodrome, where a party of ten aviators are preparing them for military service.

The following delightful inscription appears on a piece of cheap Chinese pottery work purchased by a foreigner recently in the native city of Shanghai: "Do not go to foreign devils to be robbed; come to Chinese and be patriotic."

Mr. Li Yat-choi, the manager, notifies that Mrs. Tse Ka-po (the wife of Mr. Simon Tse Yan) will distribute the prizes of the Kai Lap Chinese School, in the Grand Theatre, Wanchai, at 4 p.m. to-morrow. The school is conducted under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The gross receipts of the bazaar at China Building for St. Paul's Girls' College fund have now been raised to \$14,000. To-day is the last day of the bazaar which will be open from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Fiat motor car, the first prize in the "lucky dip" had not been drawn up to yesterday evening and several other valuable prizes remain to be drawn. Should they not be drawn when the bazaar closes the committee will draw numbers from the dip for absent ticket holders.

The Italian Ministry of Communications announces that wireless telephones are to be installed on express trains in Italy. The system will be based on the principle now adopted in Germany. A start will be made on the Milan-Bologna and the Milan-Turin expresses.

R.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) is to give away the prizes at Queen's College, at the annual distribution on Friday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m.

Says the Chinese press, "The martial law bureau in Tientsin (Fungtien) has decided to enroll 200 detectives, and applications for these vacancies are invited."

The Hon. Sir Joseph Kamp is to give away the prizes at St. Paul's College on Jan. 22. Proceedings begin with a programme of entertainment at 7.30 p.m. and the distribution follows at 9 p.m.



A new picture of Colonel Ricciotti Garibaldi, descendant of the famed Italian liberator, taken as he appeared in a French court on charges of fomenting anti-Fascist trouble near the Italian border.

There is evidently some use in malaria, after all, for an improvement has been effected in some of the more severe cases of general paralysis of the insane as a result of treatment with induced malaria. Some recoveries have been obtained, and the opinion is that about half of them are permanent. The cure is effected in six or eight weeks.

Pilot Nevill Vincent of the Air Survey Company, has made a trial flight over Rangoon to test his plane in which he made his first flight from Penang to Rangoon when he met with a series of mishaps. The plane has been overhauled and after a few more trial flights he intends leaving for Chittagong to start survey work in the hill tracts. The second plane in which he attempted to fly from Borneo not being in order was shipped from Singapore and is now being overhauled at Monkey Point.

"THEOSOPHY."

MR. RAMA RAO, F.T.S., F.O.S.E., the well-known International T. S. and 'Star' worker, will give an address at the Hong Kong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, Jan. 20th, at 6 p.m.

All are heartily invited to be present. Theosophical books for sale. Inquiries daily, 8-8 p.m. (Wednesdays and Saturdays 7-3 p.m.)

I observe there has been in the press considerable discussion about the use of the National Anthem to clear disorderly meetings and booing crowds at a theatre, says a gossip writer in a Glasgow paper. There are others who object to the way in which, when it is played, as many people promptly dive for a hat or a stick. Of course, there are some who do, but they are not in the majority. I don't quite know the correct attitude for a woman to assume, but she should stand, and stand still. A man should stand motionless, and what is called in the Army "at attention." But when in civilian attire he does not stand at the salute. It is not everybody who knows that when royalty passes that is the correct attitude, although most of us want to cheer and wave handkerchiefs. Frankly, I have often wondered what the royal family themselves would prefer, and I have a good deal of sympathy with the Prince of Wales, who, a few nights ago, when he was on duty at a festival in the East-End, and feeling thirsty, went and had a glass of beer at "The Bricklayers Arms."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss E. W. Bain left Hong Kong yesterday for Europe, travelling on the "President Garfield" which sailed for Manila and Singapore. She may make a stop at an intermediate port but her destination is Marseilles.

Mr. W. W. Comfort of the Lingnan University (formerly the Canton Christian College) sailed for America yesterday on the "President Garfield." He will be making the trip via Europe, by way of Manila and Singapore.

After a brief visit to the Far East, Mr. Watts is returning to America via Europe, accompanied by Mrs. Watts. Mr. Watts is an institutional director of the Canton Christian College (now known as the Lingnan University).

Mr. Thomas Marlowe has resigned from the Directorship of the Associated Newspapers, Ltd. Mr. Marlowe, who was Chairman of the Associated Newspapers Ltd., was editor of the "Daily Mail" from 1899 to 1919.

Field-Marshal Lord Methuen recently found his obituary notice in a South African newspaper. His Lordship, who said it was "a charming appreciation," wrote to the editor expressing that view.

Round-the-world tourists who recently arrived in Hong Kong to visit South China, and who continued their voyage yesterday on the "President Garfield" (bound for Europe via Manila) included Professor A. S. and Mrs. Pense and their daughter, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Otis and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shelly. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Robson were other tourists on the "Garfield" but they are only going as far as Penang for the time being.

Mr. John Coutts, who has retired from the post of clerk of works at Balmoral, is the oldest of the Scottish Royal servants. His uncle was personal attendant to Queen Victoria before the days of John Brown, and it was largely through his influence that the young Deeside carpenter was appointed one of the estate staff at Windsor. Four years later, at the personal request of the Queen, Mr. Coutts accepted the post of estate carpenter at Balmoral, Aberfeldie, and Birkhall, and shortly afterwards he was promoted to be clerk of works. For over thirty years he has attended to the details of estate work on Royal Deeside, and has served under three sovereigns and five Kings (or Queens) Commissioners.

Mr. W. L. Piew, a Hong Kong resident, sailed yesterday on the "President Garfield" for Europe via Manila and Singapore. He will disembark at Marseilles.

The anniversary dinner on Burns' Night will be held by Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society at Volunteer Headquarters at 8 p.m. next Tuesday. Members

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Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—The conjugal differences in the household of the film star, Charlie Chaplin, are being freely ventilated in the newspapers in connection with the petition for divorce by Mr. Chaplin's wife, Lita Grey, whom the court today granted temporary alimony amounting to \$4,000 a month and a further \$84,000 for lawyers' fees, pending the hearing of the suit. — Reuter's American Service.

intending to be present, should send in their names not later than to-morrow. Scotsmen who are not members of St. Andrew's, but wish to attend, should communicate with Mr. P. Tod, joint hon. secretary, c/o Messrs. Jardine's.

Intimate friends often comment upon the fact that, in temperament, Prince George grows more and more like the Prince of Wales. The two brothers are greatly attached to one another, and are together as often as possible when both are at home. While on naval duty Prince George is treated exactly as any other naval lieutenant would be. His royal birth obtains no privileges for him, nor does he desire that it should for he has no liking for ceremonies, and avoids them when ever he can.

Three students of well-known Chinese families in Singapore left Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Garfield" to return home via Manila. They are Mr. Chan Kwok-cheung, Mr. George Yip and Master Chan Ka-cheung.

A famous figure in Scottish Church history has been removed by the death, at his residence in Giffnock, of the Rev. J. D. McCulloch, B.D., Principal of the Free Church College, Edinburgh, and ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church. He was in his 91st year.

Straits papers record the death of Mr. Thomas William Walsingham Wright, M.R.C.V.S., veterinary surgeon to the Penang Municipality, which occurred at the General Hospital, Singapore, after a brief illness. Mr. Wright was only 36 years of age. His loss is regretted by a wide circle of friends, particularly in connection with racing and polo, for he was a keen polo player and was actively connected with the Penang Turf Club. He leaves a widow and son and a mother and sister at home.

Mr. Warwick Reynolds, the black and white artist, has died at Glasgow. Aged 48, he was born in London and went to Glasgow after having studied art in London and Paris. Although he specialised in animal studies, he was best known as an illustrator of books and journals. He had also done some admirable water-colours, and the Glasgow Corporation recently bought one of his works. His animal studies were powerful and distinctive. He spent much time at the Zoological Gardens studying animals and their movements.

Sir Charles Friswell, a pioneer motorist and one of the leaders of the industry before the war, died in a nursing home at Wanstead following an operation. Like most traders of the early days he started his career in the cycle industry and in quite a humble way. His first adventure was in the Holloway Road, where he started a cycle shop, mending punctures at 6d. a time and occasionally selling a bicycle on commission. Then he moved to Holborn and shortly afterwards the motor-car began to make headway. He saw the possibilities of the new mode of transport and built up an important business in Albany Street, N.W. He at one time owned the standard Motor Co. Sir Charles, who was 54 years of age, was knighted in 1909.

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To begin with the formal gown, ostrich is added in an extremely youthful manner in a captivating dainty frock of delicately shaded chiffon garlanded with graceful, long-tufted ostrich in matching shades. A ostrich pompon at the shoulder is an interesting feature. The more sophisticated formal gowns add a cascading effect of ostrich down the entire side of a gracefully draped velvet gown. Still other formal frocks introduce ostrich over the entire surface of the gown in single flues forming a soft background for crystal studded designs.

The afternoon gown wears its ostrich trimming in simpler lines and frequently has the uncured feathers forming an interesting banding at the bottom of the frock. All black, so prominent in the season's successes, is especially effective when trimmed with the glycerined ostrich.

The evening wrap uses ostrich trimming lavishly in the place of fur. In both curled and uncured feathers, it adds a colourful note to the wraps that are particularly gorgeous this season. It may create an interesting collar. It may edge both collar and sleeves. It may appear as a bonnet effect down the entire length of the wrap. It is extremely youthful in its appeal and in all the lovely shades that it is dyed it plays a most important role in bringing beauty to the season's wardrobe.

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Football Days.



The tailored mode has arrived in furs. The coats which are worn for sports are particularly straight in their appeal and lend a trim and smart appearance to the season of furs.

The football season is particularly noted for its smart fur coats. The gridiron sport fashions are original in design and thoroughly warm until the last whistle and so add an important and comfortable note to the big games.

There are many new pelts to distinguish this season's coats from those of other years. Nowhere does the appeal of furs exert so strong an influence as upon the campus. Tawny tones and interesting furs prove a combination of vital interest.

The stencilled kids are in for a season or two of great popularity. The giraffe coat, that is warmly lined with kasha and boasts a tailored collar of either self fur or beaver, nutria, civet cat, or spall, is very new and very chic. Paris is setting its stamp of approval upon fur coats which shed a tawny light and all the cat coats are ranking high in favour. The leopard coat trimmed with red fox, skunk, beaver, fitch or black fox is decidedly smart for sports occasions. Likewise is civet cat, sea dog, leopard cat, and other furs of the cat family—as well as the always smart raccoon.

New and very interesting are the pony and calf skin coats that are reaching forward in strong appeal. They are very youthful and are particularly good in tans, browns and the reddish tinted tones. They, too, are an excellent choice for the sports coat.

Alice White, who will appear in youthful roles for First National Pictures, is seen wearing a pony-skin coat, straight in line and featuring silver kasha lining, which also forms the lapels and front panel.

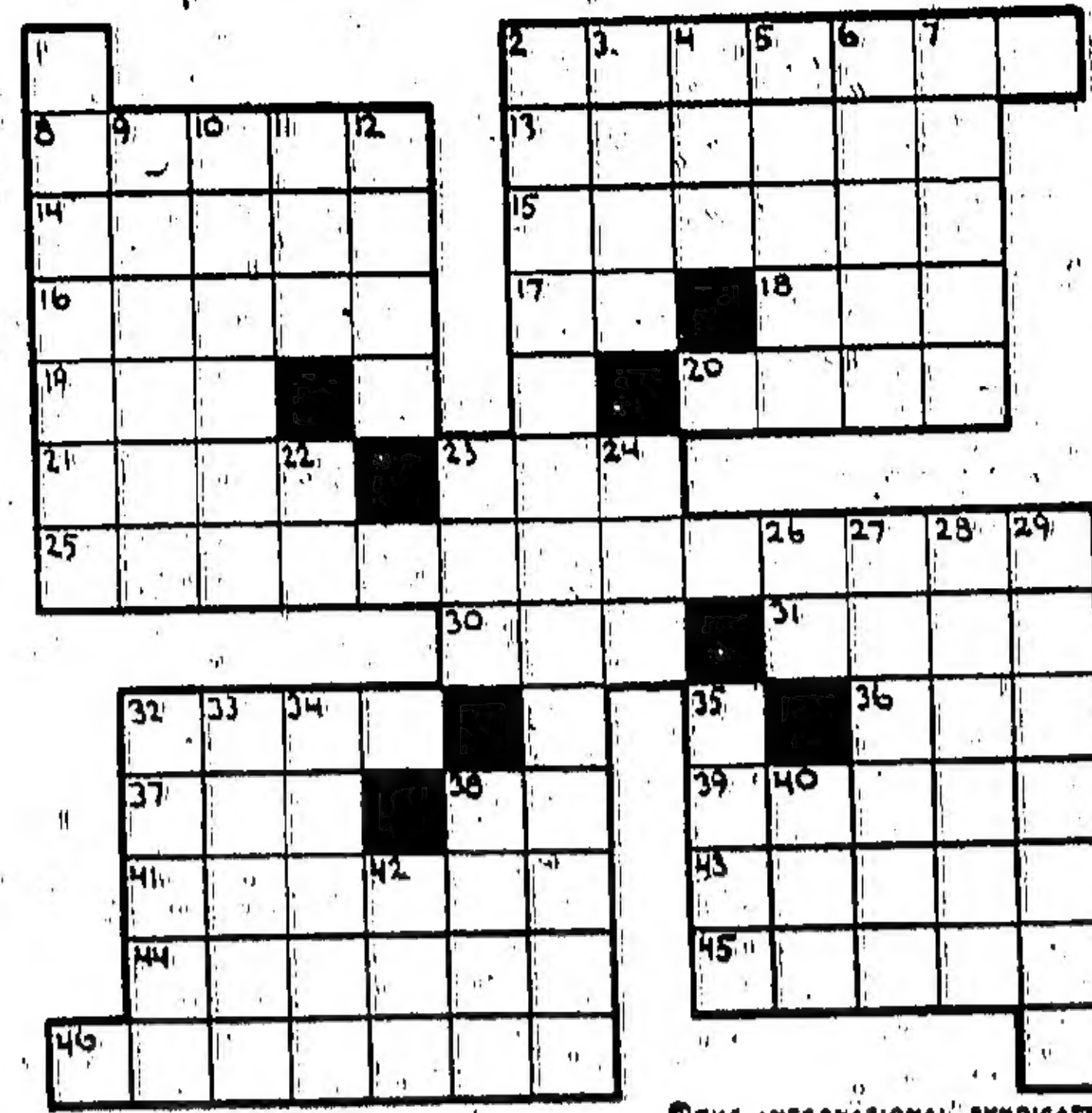
MYSTERY OF DIET.

Who can answer the mystery of the splendid physical development of the ancient Hawaiians? (asked the "World Magazine.") Recently investigations have shown they had none of these three important foods; milk, whole wheat and cod liver oil—yet they grew to magnificent stature.

Whatever the diet was it must have contained something we do not use, something very potent. We know that their diet included 138 kinds of edible fish, 31 fowls, breadfruit, ferns, bananas, yams, taro, poi, pandanus and various types of seaweed, but which one (if it was only one) played the role of the all-important food, we do not know.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
2-Fenced in
3-Square land measure (pl.)
13-More tidy
14-Sharp squeaking sound
15-Acid deposit from grades
16-Hurry
17-Half an em
18-Suffix denoting condition
19-First woman
20-Frost, as lake
21-Rip
22-Printer's measure (pl.)
23-Amusement
24-Science
25-Any open space
26-Exclamation to attract attention

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
28-Base of burden
27-Conflict
28-Musical note
29-Endure
41-Country of Asia
42-Girl's name
43-Turned over
44-Sample
45-Mix again

VERTICAL
1-Spanish American weapon
2-Marriage of relatives
3-Base
4-Equal
5-Top room
6-Let
7-Sinned
8-Coward
10-Beat again
11-Corridor
12-Side-long glance
22-Musical note
23-Greek letter
24-Resolute
25-Mother
27-Delated
28-Cuddle
29-Hanging ornaments
32-Have knowledge of
33-Eastern family institution
34-Rub out
35-Shut violently
38-Intone
40-Confusion
42-Prohibit

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they, in turn, will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

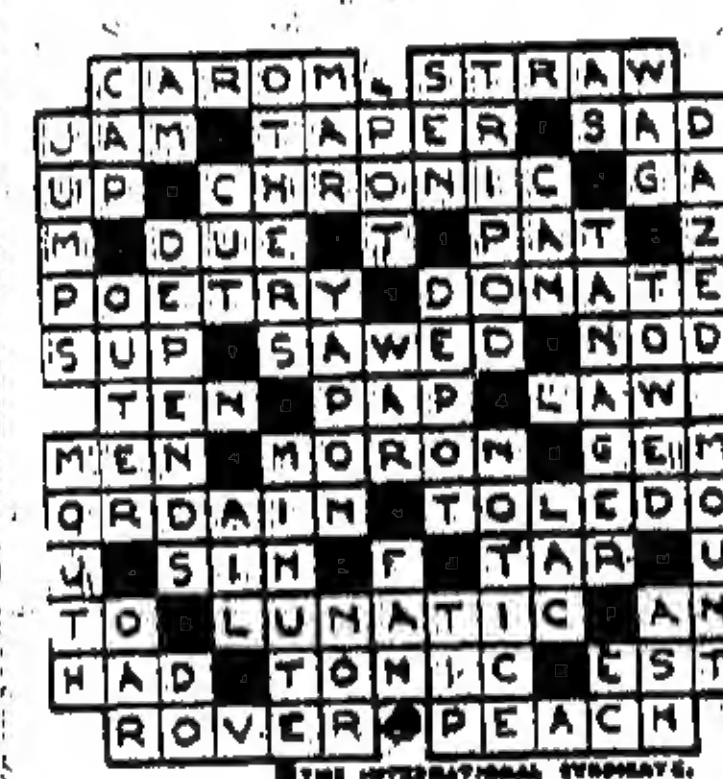
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

PACKING A HATBOX.

The writer has found it possible to pack a hatbox of medium size so as to have enough clothes for a month.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Six persons are now known to have lost their lives in the bush fires in New South Wales.

Captain H. D. Kaiser, of the Canadian Government vessel "Canadian Rancher," died at sea on the way from Halifax, N.S., to Antwerp.

At Liverpool Richard Brown, a bookmaker, of Sefton Park, was fined £10 for taking bets at a whippet meeting without issuing revenue tickets.

Lady Wallace states that the proceeds of her matinee at the New Scala Theatre in aid of St. Thomas's Cornwall Babies' Hostel amounted to £550.

By the will of the late Mr. James North, tramway inspector, the League of Welders of Liverpool, has received £50 "to give poor children a day across the river."

At Gloucester Prison, Charles Houghton, 45, a butler, was hanged for the murder of his employers, the Misses Elinor and Martha Woodhouse, at Burghill Court, Herefordshire.

Dr. George Britton, Gill, a member of the Leicester City Council, was fined £25 at Leicester for being drunk in charge of a motor-car and his licence suspended for 12 months.

Five men were slightly injured when a gas explosion occurred in the composing room of the "Walthamstow, Leyton, and Chingford Guardian," High Street, Walthamstow, E.

A verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at a Westminster inquest on August Kneller, 49, until recently head waiter at the Manhattan Hotel, New York, who threw himself from a balcony at the Savoy Hotel.

The sudden failure of the electric light current during the fog in Paris caused the greatest confusion in the banks. Each time the light went out the doors were hastily closed, and the cash drawers locked, while the customers had to wait in total darkness until there was a resumption of lighting.

Five thousand pounds worth of jewellery was stolen in ten minutes by a cat burglar, who, in his anxiety to get away, crashed from the stack pipe into the garden of a New Malden house on the night of November 9. The burglar escaped, leaving behind him his torch, a jemmy, and an overcoat, but taking all the jewellery.

Mr. Albert Amor, for several years antiquary to the Queen, has retired.

When fire broke out on the ground floor of a three-storey house in Claremont Road, Alexandra Park, Manchester, several occupants of apartments were rescued by the fire brigade.

Two men, Brinley William and James Morris, both of Forest Fach, Swansea, who had been repairing an omnibus, were found gassed in a local garage and were taken unconscious to hospital.

Harold Bates, aged 26, a Cambridge undergraduate, son of Mr. Edward Bates, of Rainham, Kent, was found seriously injured on the railway outside Herne Hill station, S.E., and died before admission to hospital.

The rules of the Co-operative Employees' Union, which have just been framed, provide that it shall not affiliate with nor contribute to the funds of any political party, and that a strike cannot take place without a ballot of the members.

Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor of Bombay, opened the Bhandardara Dam, which will henceforward be known as the Wilson Dam, in the Western Ghats. The new dam which is 270 feet high, the second highest in the world, is designed to irrigate 220,000 acres of a district in the Deccan which has hitherto been particularly liable to famine.



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Mr. Herbert Smith, president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, is suffering from influenza.

Among recent manuscript acquisitions at the British Museum is an indenture signed by Dr. Dodd, the clergyman and one-time fashionable preacher, who was hanged for forgery in 1777.

Thirty-four reproductions in colour of Egyptian tomb paintings, made by Mrs. N. de Garis Davies from the originals in the tombs at Thebes, dating from B.C. 2000-1100, have been deposited on permanent loan at the British Museum by Dr. A. H. Gardiner, for whom they were made.

A curious medieval formula for the production of salts of copper, which for 600 years lay hidden in a ciphered manuscript of the Franciscan monk, Roger Bacon, has proved effective in tests made by chemists at the University of Pennsylvania, says Reuter. The formula is said not to have any commercial value owing to the cost of production.

Driven by the Atherstone Hounds into Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, a fox ran through the ancient streets of the town, and finally climbed over a high wall surrounding a resident's garden. The hounds were let into the garden, but, after a chasing, the fox again jumped over the wall, and, on reaching the main road, eluded its pursuers.

The Colonisation Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway are inviting 50 applications from public and secondary school boys who wish free training in agriculture before taking up land of their own, and the accepted applicants will undergo a short course at Macdonald College (the Faculty of Agriculture of McGill University, Montreal) before proceeding to selected farms.

Flying accidents in 1926, Sir S. Hoare stated in the House of Commons, had caused the death of 75 officers and men of the Royal Air Force, compared with 51 in 1925 and 72 in 1924. From information in his possession, it was apparent that figures which had recently been cited purporting to suggest that the accident rate in France had, during the past two or three years been more favourable than in Britain were totally inaccurate. There is reasonable ground for confidence, Major C. C. Turner holds, that the casualty rate will soon show a welcome decline.

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| Straits | MONDAY, JANUARY 24. | Kitano Maru. |
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| Manila | Pres. Pierce | 1.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai & Japan | Kashgar | 5 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 13th Feb. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (22nd Jan.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. | Kashmir | |
| Manila | Tonkin | 1.30 p.m. |
| Swatow | Nanching | 5 p.m. |

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

WAR IN THE NORTH.

Wu Pei-fu's Warlords
Again Disagree.

LATEST FROM NORTH.

Operations by Marshal Wu Pei-fu against the Christian General's Kuomintang in the North and against the Cantonese to the north of Hankow have again been held up through dissent among his many warlords.

Chinese cables to hand mention that the majority of Marshal Wu's party are in favour of forcibly disarming the troops of General Wei I-sam, who refuse to fight and show tendencies to start overtures with the Nationalists.

On the other hand steps are being taken to reinforce the expedition against the Kuomintang in the north of Honan province and in Shensi province.

The war area south of Shanghai has spread owing to the retreat of Chekiang provincial troops, who seceded from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's ranks.

After losing the port of Ningpo, about 3,000 of these pro-Kuomintang men commandeered mercantile vessels and went southwards to another Treaty port, Wenchow. Marshal Sun's army in Chekiang is keeping up the chase. Hopes that General Chow Yen-jin (who was expelled by the Cantonese from Foochow) will also attack Wenchow do not seem likely to materialise as this part of the Northern troops are retreating homewards themselves.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

General Outlook.

Peking, Jan. 18.

Most comments from abroad on the Chinese situation appear to take it for granted that the Nationalists are to continue to advance and will soon control Shanghai, and probably all China. This is by no means certain.

Sun Chuan-fang and Wu Pei-fu are at least holding their own against the South at present, while Chang Tso-lin has not yet entered the fray. Foreign military men all state that Chang Tso-lin possesses much the best military machine in China, superior to the Cantonese in numbers, munitions, training, equipment, staff, and organisation, hence if the clash comes Chang Tso-lin can easily defeat the Nationalists, unless his men become disaffected by Bolshevik money.

Wu Pei-fu is still embarrassed with the disloyalty of subordinates, unless he can speedily advance to the south. Fengtien troops are expected to participate, and Fengtien military circles claim that if they launch an attack they can capture Hankow within a month.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.

As far as can be ascertained, the forces which have fought in Chekiang Province for the Cantonese against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, belong to the former 1st and 3rd Chekiang divisions who went over to the Kuomintang, and not to the regular Cantonese army. A clash at Lanchi is likely to bring Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, for the first time in the Chekiang operations, face to face with the regular Cantonese divisions who have been detached to Chekiang from Nanchang.

The occupation of Shaohsing considerably weakens the so-called Independence Movement there whereby a large number of cities, including Shaohsing and Ningpo, went over to the Nationalists after elaborate ceremonies. Already, half this seceded territory has been regained and the proximity of Shaohsing to Ningpo is expected to result in Ningpo quickly casting off its Kuomintang affiliations.

WAR SIDELIGHTS.

Interesting Despatch From An Eyewitness.

A correspondent of "The Shanghai Times," writing from Lanchi on January 7, states that from Lanchi a large number of Southern soldiers left in the direction of Hangchow, but did not proceed any farther than

INDIA'S CAPITAL.

SPLENDID NEW PARLIAMENT OPENED.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

New Delhi, Jan. 18.

At an impressive full-dress ceremony the Viceroy opened India's splendid new Parliament building which will house the Chamber of Princes, the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly.—Reuter.

Fifteen Years After.

Rugby, Jan. 13.

Lord Irwin, the Viceroy of India, to-day opened the new Parliament Building at New Delhi.

A message from the King was read in which His Majesty said: "Fifteen years ago in Delhi I gave public expression to the hope that the great changes then to be effected might bring increased happiness and prosperity to India. On this solemn occasion I desire to associate myself with the outward completion of a great part of the task then undertaken.—British Wireless Service.

ARRESTED STRAITS CHINESE.

The Chinese charged with abducting from Singapore with a large quantity of jewellery said to be the major portion of the stock of a shop in which he was employed, was again brought before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy applied for a further remand in Police custody until the 24th inst. Mr. Lindsell: Have you heard from Singapore? Inspector Murphy read a telegram stating that identifiers and an escort of S.S. Police had sailed for Hong Kong. A remand until January 24 was granted.

Malacca is daily witnessing the departure from the jetty of many Malays from all parts of the Settlement for Singapore on the pilgrimages to Mecca. More than 400 persons in the Central District have taken out pilgrim passes.

Yunglu and Fuyang, from whence they were routed in Marshal Sun's advance. A medical corps took possession of the mission chapel and the boys' school at Lanchi, and all the large ancestral temples, clubs, government schools and other buildings were taken over for barracks, but now many have been evacuated.

Could Not be Trusted.

The correspondent proceeds:—We hear that fighting took place near Yungkuang, on the Fukien border, and the men who had possession of our compound, left hurriedly to take their share, but in a little over a week they were back again. Some said that the enemy fled, others that the men themselves, being largely men from Marshal Sun's army, could not be trusted to be true to their new colours. It is difficult to know what to believe these days, beyond what one's eyes actually see. But it is true that with all the occupation of soldiers, everything is quiet and peaceful, although it is quite as uncontrollable that trade is terribly injured.

Expected Troops.

The river is entirely closed to traffic, and Lanchi's chief mode of transit is the river. Even letters are not arriving, and newspapers seem things of the past. News which is apparently reliable, comes now that a large company of soldiers will be arriving here during the next day or two from Kiangsi, and the city will probably be full again. Some straw huts have been built on the banks of the river at the South Gate, but not enough to accommodate more than a few hundred. It is supposed they are infantry, and that they will not make a prolonged stay here, as their comrades down river are supposed to be awaiting their aid to commence hostilities.

Chang To Lead in Person?

Already large numbers of boats are lining the shores, awaiting them; every boat which has come up the river for days, if it be of any available size, has been commandeered for this purpose. It is being rumoured that Chang Kai-shek himself is coming this way, but we are getting so inured to rumours now that we believe none of them. The country away from the main routes is quiet and peaceful, although naturally fear is pretty prevalent in the people's hearts.

CLUB MURDER.

EVIDENCE ON TRIAD SOCIETIES.

A POLICEMAN'S BOOK.

Police evidence was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the case in which a Chinese seaman is charged with the murder of a caretaker of a Chinese seamen's club in Kowloon city.

Evidence was given that police tests had been taken as to the manner in which sounds such as "save life" would travel beyond the premises.

Cross-examination by Mr. N. S. Fitzroy (defending) also turned on the kinds of trousers which were produced by the police for purposes of identification by witnesses, having regard to the fact that torn trousers played a part in the case.

It was stated that they had been taken from second hand shops and were as near as possible like the pair which played a part in evidence.

Questions were also asked as to Triad societies and Inspector Reynolds was asked if he knew anything about them. He said that he could not identify specific marks without reference to a book written on the subject.

This book, it was subsequently stated by Sir Joseph Kemp (prosecuting) was by a police officer named Stanton written a number of years ago and the Ordinances provided for it being admissible as evidence in cases bearing on the working of triad societies. The case is proceeding.

GLASS BOTTLE FIEND.

MAN WHO NEEDS "FEEDING UP A BIT."

"He seems to specialise in glass bottles," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when shown the Police record of an old Chinese coolie charged with the theft of a number of bottles from a distillery at Causeway Bay.

His Worship sent the man to jail for four weeks, adding that the man needed "feeding up a bit."

SPARE THAT TREE.

"Did he damage the tree?" asked Mr. Lindsell when a Chinese was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with attempting to cut down a pine tree stated to be Government property.

Upon learning that the tree was a fine specimen, 12 inches in diameter, and that it would probably die, Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$50 with the alternative of four weeks' hard labour.

THEFTS ON A LINER.

The master of the s.s. "President Garfield" has reported to the Police that a number of thefts have occurred in cabins on the vessel since her arrival in port yesterday morning. From one cabin alone, \$240 in cash was stolen. The police are making inquiries.

AERIAL TOUR.

Rugby, Jan. 18.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, who is now making an aerial tour of the North West Frontier of India, arrived at Peshawar to-day from Lahore.—British Wireless Service.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ADDITION TO PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

First Day—Tenth Race. The Racing Stakes.

WINNER \$600.—Second \$200.—Third \$100.—for Grifins of this Meeting and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Grifins of this Meeting allowed 5 lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10.—One Mile. Entries for this race should be attached to the Entry Forms already issued.

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